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We had General and Mrs. Norstad, the Luke Hopkins, Gaston Palewski, Louise Iselin, and so forth, for lunch today. Laurie Norstad told Gaston that, from a purely military standpoint, it would be impossible for a French national force to have an adequate aviation contingent. He then explained -- [redacted] clearly the advantages the French would derive from a common European Army structure. Palewski was impressed but, of course, will not change his opinion since he has always been completely faithful to General de Gaulle's views on the subject.

We had dinner tonight with Kitty and Frank Giles. Bill Hayter was the other guest. His appointment has recently been announced as the new British Ambassador to Moscow. He is 46 years old, [redacted] bright, knowledgable and attractive. It is always great fun to be with the Giles. They are an [redacted] engaging couple.

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